Coal reserves in the country

†4798. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and mine-wise estimate of improved quality coal reserves in the country as on date;

(b) the State-wise and mine-wise quantity of coal mined during the last three years;

(c) the quantity of improved quality coal imported during the last three years together with the foreign exchange spent thereon;

(d) the reasons for importing improved quality coal despite having its huge reserves in the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to decrease the import of coal in the future?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) The State-wise estimate of coal reserves of different grades as on 01-01-2003 is given as under:-

(In million tonne)

State	Coking Coal	Non-Coking Coal			Tertiary Coal
		Superior quality (Gr A+B+C)	Inferior Quality (Gr D+E+F)	Ungraded	
West Bengal	1017.27	11295.54	10632.14	4307.02	—
Jharkhand	28707.63	2438.37	35341.07	4656.47	—
Madhya Pradesh	2178.40	4712.71	8370.24	2944.07	—
Chhattisgarh	73.37	4908.59	28988.14	4165.21	—
Bihar	—	—	—	160.00	—
Uttar Pradesh	—	6.46	1055.34	—	—
Maharashtra	—	1251.61	5407.65	1534.44	—
Orissa	—	1951.11	41866.37	15285.41	—
A.P.	—	3429.24	10636.73	2518.14	—
Assam	—	2.79	—	—	337.35
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	90.23
Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	459.43
Nagaland	—	—	—	—	19.94
Total	31976.67	29996.42	142297.68	35570.76	906.95
Grand Total					240748.48

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(b) State-wise and Company-wise coal production during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 & 2002-03 were as follows :

State-wise coal production :

(In million tonnes)

States	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03 (provisional)
Andhra Pradesh	30.274	30.811	33.158
Assam	0.660	0.640	0.633
Chhattisgarh	22.803	53.621	56.758
Jammu & Kashmir	0.033	0.035	0.025
Jharkhand/ Bihar	75.416	76.813	78.677
Maharashtra	28.754	30.830	31.359
Madhya Pradesh	69.927	44.156	45.735
Meghalaya	4.065	5.149	4.406
Orissa	44.803	47.805	52.229
Uttar Pradesh	16.863	16.533	17.784
West Bengal	20.098	21.394	20.484
All India :	313.696	327.787	341.248

Company-wise coal production.

(Inmillion tonnes)

Companies	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03 *(provisional)*
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	28.030	28.552	27.179
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	25.969	25.252	24.151
Central Coalfields Ltd.	31.746	33.806	37.024
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	41.400	42.462	45.102
Western Coalfields Ltd.	35.105	36.950	37.815
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	60.133	64.035	66.603
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd	44.803	47.805	52.229
North Eastern Coalfields	0.660	0.640	0.633
Coal India Limited(Total)	267.846	279.502	290.736
Singreni Collieries Co. Ltd.	30.252	30.651	33.158
Others : (TISCO/IISCO/DVC/JSPL/ BECML/and others)	15.598	17.634	17.354
All India	313.696	327.787	341.248

(c) The quantity of imported coal and its value during the last three years are as under :

Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)	*Value (Rs. in crores)*
2000-2001	20.93	4052.78
2001-2002	20.55	4535.43
2002-2003(Prov.)		
(April-Dec.,02002)	16.68	3616.62

(d) and (e) Coal imports are under Open General Licence (OGL) Import of coal and coke is being resorted to by the consumers due to non-availability/ inadequate availability of required quality and quantity indigenously, for blending with indigenous coal, cost considerations including commercial terms etc. With setting up of benefication plants, availability of good quality coal indigenously will improve and this is likely to reduce the import of non-coking coal. With the existing import duty, the import of non-coking coal is projected to decline to 3. 30 million tonnes at the end of X plan(2006-2007) from the current level (2001-2002) of 9.57 million tonnes.

Russian assistance for manufacture of Sukhoi spares

†4799. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia offered to assist India for manufacturing spare parts of Sukhoi fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The licence granted by Russian side for manufacture of SU-30 MKI aircraft provides the right to India for manufacture of aircraft and its components (which includes spares) for use by Indian Air Force. Russians have not offered assistance in the manufacture of these spares in India separately.

A Techno-Economic Feasibility Report has been signed with the Russian Aircraft Manufacturing Plant for manufacture of certain structural components like vertical stabilizers, horizontal stabilizers and canards in India for supply to them for fitment on SU-30 MKI aircraft.

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